FEW HEAVIES

plon" on their visiting cards makes its nterrogatory appearance as regularly

as the four seasons.

This recurrence of the problem is due largely to the admirers of John L. Suilivan, who, out of personal regard for the Bostonian and without the slightest basis of fact, emphatically assert that he was the greatest puglist of all times and was the champion of the world.

The latest crop of queries includes one from numerous Herato readers of Hoboken, who write as follows:

"Who was the first champion of the world? A says John L. Sullivan B claims Jim Corbett. Sullivan did not beat Charlie Mitchell, champion of England. Corbett beat them both. Please settle."

Proof that the dispute is not confined to any section of the country is for-nished by another missive all the way from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., as follows: "Please let me know in THE New YORK HERALD if John L. Sullivan was champion of the world or not."

Sullivan's Status.

Replying to the Heboken query, Sullivan never had the world's championship and therefore was not the first man to hold the title. The first mampion of the world was unquestionably James Figg of England, who flourished in 1719. The reason that Figg was champion of the world is that he was the first champion of England, and as no other country in the world gave any attention to boxing in those days, Figg was puglistic monarch of the world.

For the same reason the long line of Figg down to Sayers and including Broughton, Cribb and other famous fighters, were world's champions, no other country had a champion in those days.

with 1860 there was a sharp break in the English succession, due to the fact that John C. Heenan, the American champion, administered a terrific beating to Tom Sayers, the English title holder, April 17, 1860, at Farnborough, England, Sayers was unable to answer the call of time for the forty-third round and the call of time for the forty-third round. and his friends cut the ropes and stopped the fight. The referee, who had left the ring in the thirty-eighth round, declared later that the battle was drawn. Sayers old no rore fighting after that battle and Hee an also retired shortly after-

The n t international battle for the

The n t international battle for the world's campionship took place at Kennerville, La. May 10, 1879. Tom Allen, an Englishman, who had settled in America, and won the American title, met Jean Mace, the English champion, and the latter won in ten rounds. Mace retired undefeated, and the world's title was again open to competition.

Peter Jackson, undisputed champion of England and Australia, which he won by knocking out Jem Smith, British titl-holder, and Frank Siavin, who claimed the Australian champic nanip, tried hard to get a title match with Sulivivan, then in his prime, but the holder of the American championship refused a match.

Jeffries Held Honor.

Jeffries was the next world's cham-plon, as he defeated Peter Jackson March 22, 1898, and beat Fitzsimmons 7, 1876. March 22, 1898, and beat Fitzsimmons for the American title June 9 of the same year. With the retirement of Jeffries in 1995, the world's title again lapsed, and it was reestablished by Tommy Burns, who defeated a majority of his rivals for the American championship and then knocked out Gunner Moir, the British title ho'der, and Bill Squires, the Australian champion.

Since then the world's championship Since then the world's championship

ended from Burns to Johnson Willard to Dempsey. The reason that Sullivan, Corbett an!

Pitzsimmons were not champions of the world is that they never fought the champion of a foreign land. It was a case of too much Peter Jackson, who held the titles of England and Australia at a time when Sullivan, Corbett and Fitzsimmons were in their prime. Sullivan dodged the nevro, Fitzsimmons frankly said he would fight any one ex-cept Jackson, and Corbett, who once ought Jackson a sixty-one round draw. did not consider it necessary to make

Sullivan could have won the world's title by defeating Jem Smith, but he alled to do so, and Jackson turned the

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Descent of Title.

Sullivan won his title from Paddy Rvan, a man without experience or courege. Ryan had won from Joe Goss, an Englishman who had settled in America and who sof the title from Allen on a foul. It took Ryan eighty-seven rounds to defeat Goss, who was 46 years of age. Sullivan heat Ryan in nine rounds. Corbett defeated Sullivan and Fitz won from Corbett.

The first heavyweight championship bout in America took place 104 years

Second Race-Six furiones: three-year-olds and upward: claiming; purse \$700; Automatic Red, 50; *Prunctual, 58; *Hatrack, 101; *Pokey Jane, 104; Swirt, 106; Fait Accompli, 106; Blanca, 107; Momomoy, 109; Repton, 109; Locust Leaver, 100; Elmont, 111; Plantagenet, 114. bout in America took pince 104 years a.co, when Jacob Hyer, a resident of New York c.tv. defeated Thomas Bensley in a contest for the American title. The con-ter took place in 1816 and Hyer was the Third Race-Six furlongs: Three-year-olds; claiming: purce \$700: "Cigale, 96; "King's Belle, 100: "Natural, 103: "Spurs, 107; Rose-ate, 108; Erroll, 109. took pince if 1812 and Hyer was the chart. It seems also that it was the battle in which the original champion of the class engaged, and after waiting four years the title holder refired from the ring. Fourth Race-Five and a half furiongs: four-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse \$700; *Fleer, 98; *Polar Cub, 98; Far East, 103; Doublet II, 103; Hemlock, 100; Water-ford, 109; Flokic Fancy, 110; Buiger, 112; Pas de Chance, 112.

Tom Hyer's Career.

Twenty-one years later Tom Hyer, son of Jacob Hyer, claimed the title, defended it successfully against Country NacCloskey and Yankee Sullivan, collected a forfelt from John Morrissey and Pien was compelled to retire from the line because of lack of compents. Hyer was a six footer, weighing 180 pounds to condition beautiful and his health will Me. was a six footer, weighing 180 pounds in condition, and his battle with McCloskey strung out 101 rounds, London rules, occupying 2 hours and 55 minutes. Hyar defeated Yankee Sullivan in sixteen rounds, lasting 18 minutes and 17 seconds.

Hyar retired from the ring in 1847, and John Morrisse, who later was

Disqualified Boxers Draw Suspension

THE New York State Boxing Commission yesterday announced the suspension, pending a hearing, of Johnny Reisler and Bobby Michaels, who were disqualified by Referee Haley in the semifinal contest at Madison Square Garden last Friday night. Their disqualification in accordance with the regulations of the Boxing Commission automatically holds up their money.

Succeeded.

HAD NO OPPOSITION

Sullivan, Corbett and Fitzsimmons Never Earned Chief
Honors of Class.

By CHARLES F. MATHISON.

The question as to the heavyweight puglilists, past and presen entitled to the honor of inscribing "world's champion" on their visiting cards makes its later cards and successful till John C. Heenan, known as the Benecia Boy, loomed on the puglistic horizon. Morrissey defeated Heenan the only time they met, at Long Point, Canada, October 20, 1858, Heenan disabling his right hand against a ring post, which he hit instead of Morrissey again, but the latter declined the issue and forfeited the title.

Joe Coburn, one of the cleverest of the bare knuckle fighters, succeeded to the American championship after the retirement of Heenan, and as Jem Mace was the champion of England at this time (1862) there was talk of a battle for the world's title. They finally were matched, and Coburn went to Ireland, the ring having been pitched in Tipperary, Mace failed to appear and forfeited.

Allen Makes Good.

Coburn retired soon afterward and the American title was bandled about among a number of boxers. It was the custom under London rules for a champion to defend title every six months or forfeit to a bona fide challenger. The result was that the championship was passed back and forth like a tennis ball. Several men laid claim to title who had no right to it, but Tom Allen, an Englishman who had settled in America, finally made good his claims.

After his defeat by Mace for the

Joe Goss, another Englishman who had made America his home. Goss won on a foul in the twenty-third round of a

As Sullivan's title descended from

dent that Sullivan won no world's championship by descent.

The appended table gives a list of the heavyweight champions of America and the number of years they held title:

Jacob Hyer. Period. Ys.
Title lapsed till 1841. 1816-1820 4
Tom Hyer. 1841-1847 6
Hyer retired because of lack of opponents, title lapsing till 1853.

1833.

John Morrissey.

John C. Heenau challenged Morrissey, who ignored challenge, and Heenan was proclaimed champion.

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HAVANA ENTRIES.

First Race—Six furionss; three-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse \$700; "Miss Dixle, \$5; "Coombs, \$7; Helen Lucas, \$8; "Major Fiske, 104; "Thornbloom, 104; "Edith K., 104; "Tim. J. Hogan, 104; Superfor, 106; Biscuit, 107; "Pokey B., 107; James G., 105; Top Rung, 117.

Fas de Chance, 112:

Fifth Race—Mile and an eighth; three-yearolds and upward; American Club Handleap;
\$3,000 added; 'Ranna, 93; 'Doccod, 100;
Furbelow, 101; 'Fastoureau, 102; Baily, 104;
ILackawanna, 104; 'Grundy, 106; Mumbo
Jumbo, 115; Brasdman, 118, 'Goldblatt's
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*Retired undefeated.

Johnny Kilbane and Trio Who Seek His Title



Champion Has Decided to Defend Featherweight Championship to a Decision.

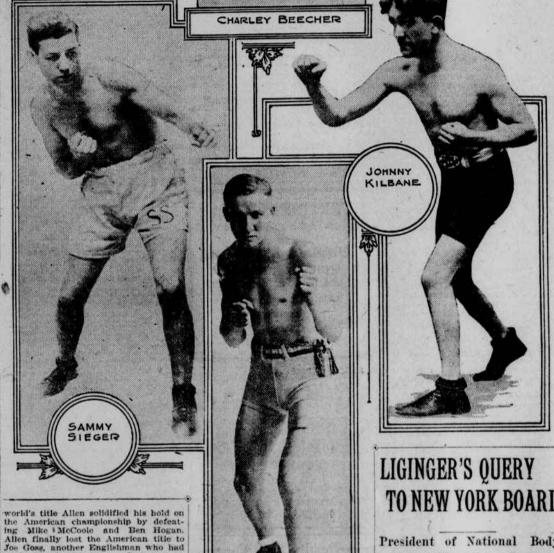
Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, has finally decided to defend his title in a contest to a decision in this city, and the large crop of 126 poundars is wrought up to a high pitch of excitement. Andy Chaney of Baltimore and Charlie Beecher of New York will engage in an elimination bout at Madison Square Garden to-morrow night, and the winner may meet Sammy Sieger or Danny Frush, either of whom is a capable man.

ble man.

Chancy is regarded as the leading candidate for the honors, but he will have to prove it by defeating rivals over the championship route.

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115 Pound Class—F. P. Moran, Long Island K, of C., vs. W. J. Joyce, Bronxdale A. C. 125 Pound Class—Lee Wede, Greenwich House, vs. Harold M. Evans, Holy Cross Lyceum, State champion.

135 Pound Class—Johnn Viveril, Greek-American A. C., vs. Mille Flore, unattached. 155 Pound Class—E. J. Flanagan, Ozanam A. A., vs. Willie Edelman, St. Bartholomew

Heavyweight Class-Frank Adams, New ork Police Department, State champion, vs. corge J. Murphy, St. Bartholomew Club.

VICTORY FOR SAVAGE SCHOOL. Savage School's basketball team defeated Cathedral College yesterday on Savage's court, by 26 to 20.

NEW MOTORCYCLE ROAD RACE.

A new road record from Boston to New York in a motorcycle and sidecar was established with the arrival here restorday of Haroid Heldt and George Eilis, who make most of the 249 mile run in a snow-torn. The Henderson representatives covered the soute in 8 hours 52 minutes, for average of 28 1-11 miles an hour. The sight riders carried messages from Mayor eters of Ecoton to Mayor Wellin and Samile Internyer of Yonkers, which were deterred at the Hellywood Inn Ashlette Club. Ellis also holds the solo record between New Ork and Boston and return, baying mate in 465 miles in 15 hours 10 minutes at gara ago.

President of the New National Boxing Body



Walter H. Liginger.

NEW STROKE OAR

Bill Copeland Likely to Occupy Carl Thomas's Place

Epecial Despatch to THE New York REMAN-PHILADILIPHIA, Pa., Jan. 15.—With Carl Thomas, Penn's varsity stroke oar of the last few years, ineligible on account of having rowed three sensons, the Red and Blue varsity eight will be in charge of a new pace setter this spring. Thomas is still in college. He will graduate in June, but is through with athletics. The past fall he played a line and backfield position on the varsity football team.

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Bill Copeland, another football player, appears to have the call at stroke in Thomas's place. Copeland is a 184 pounder and comes from the Pacific coast. He "prepped" at Portland (Ore.) High School, and also had some raining experience on the coast. experience on the coast before oming East. Copeland starred as a freshman stroke our at Pennsylvania two years ago. He gave Thomas a hard run for the first seat last year, but the Philadel-

the first seat last year, but the Philadel-phia veteran won. Copeland occupying a place in the stern of the boat.

Joe Wright, the big Canadian coach, is not overburdened with veterans this year, but believes that some of the oars-men who pulled in the undefeated 150 pound crew last season will help him

pound crew last season will help him out. The freshman crew also will contribute several stars.

Only one race 'fill be staged on the Schuylkill River this year—the American Henley, May 28. Penn opens its rowing season April 16 with Yale at Derby, Conn., on the Housatonic River. This repays the visit of Yale a year ago, when Guy Nickalls's eight surprised the Red and Blue by taking the varsity and funior varsity races over the mile and five-sixteenths course. Penn also will participate in the manual Childs Cup racut to be held at Princeton May 14, and also at Poughkeepsie.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.-Wladek Zbysako got a decision over James Londos, Greek champion, on points in a two hour wrestling match with no falls is t night. Zbysako tried to pin his opponent with head locks and toe holds, but without nuccess. Londos, who was forty pounds lighter than Zbysako, was on the defensive during the last half hour.

Champion on Latter's Own Terms.

Will Wille Hoppe and Edouard Horemans, the Belgian champion, play a match this winter? This question frequently is asked in billiard circles. According to J. F. L. Derke, the Belgian's secretary, if they do not Hoppe will be responsible. "Horemans," said Derks, "is ready to play Hoppe 18-1 or 18-2 balkline, 18-1 preferred, for a liberal itake, and the terms Hoppe's manager dictates, the winner to take all the gate, will be accepted. Boston menhave voluntarily offered to back Horemans and Hoppe can now play for plenty of money and all the gate. It told this to Hoppe's manager, who replied, Hoppe has not time to play a match until May. His exhibition engagements will keep him busy until the latter part of April.

"If Hoppe does not play before May Horemans will go home, remain in Europe until late in September or early in October and return here to play in a tournament next winter, All I can now amounce is Horemans has time to play a match until May. His exhibition engagements will keep him busy until the latter part of April.

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The only local professional event in billiards during the past week was the match between Albert G. Cutler, instructor at the Union Club, and Leonard Howston, instructor at the Racquet and Tennis Club, which was played Monday and Tuesday nights. They played 700 points, 18-2 balkline, the first half at the Union Club, the final half at the Racquet and Tennis Club. Cutler won by a score of 700 to 409. His high run was 100 and he averaged 14 32-47. Howisson made the high run of the match, 114, doing it on his last visit to the table. His average was \$23-47. It was a rigidly exclusive affair, with only club members admitted. Francis S. Appleby officiated as referee.

The championship tournament of the American Amateur Billiard Association at snooker, which is now in progress at Doyle's Broadway billiard room, is providing aurprises. Raymond Crane, the present champion, who was believed to dominate the first section, has suffered a reverse, and in the second section George Barton has been twice beaten. While Crane and Barton are eminent as shot makers, they have been unable to overcome the obstructive tactics of opponents. Charles Shongood is another shot maker of distinction who has been

oponents. Charles Shongood is another shot maker of distinction who has been oppressed by "snookering." According to Bill Wathey "snooker is the most exacting and tantalizing game played on a billiard table. In addition to the checking efforts of an opponent many things can happen to more than offset the best one can give."

John Doyle wishes to be enlightened as to whether in a game of "snooker" any player has ever cleared the table. It is said that some English or Welsh amateur accomplished the feat. But neither Doyle nor any of the Englishmen who frequent his place has any definite information on the subject.

Armateur billiard organizations promise to supply local cue events of interest during the remainder of the season. It is probable that the New York A. C. will hold the eastern balkline championship and the national three cushion championship tournament of the N. A. A. B. P., which promises to revive the Metropolitan Cup, for which there were five challenge matches last year.





Girard Being Second in Contest at Philadelphia.

HOREMANS AWAITS
HOPPE'S ANSWER

VICTOR IN SWIM

Belgian Is Ready to Meet Cue

Takes Interscholastic Honors,

crownover of Grard College broke the 190 yard meet record by going through the water at the fast clip of 59 3-5 seconds, the old record being 1 minute flat by Vic Holst of West Philadelphia High. The summaries:

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